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SUBJECT: DOT/FRA/AMTRAK PASSENGER TRAIN EVALUATION PROGRAM
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1. SUMMARY. BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 9 AND OCTOBER 6, 1975, THREE U. S. RAIL OFFICIALS WILL VISIT PASSENGER RAILROAD EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS IN ACTION ADDRESSEE CITIES PLUS DERBY AND BOLOGNA TO BEGIN A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM INVOLVING EVALUATION OF FOREIGN TRAINS FOR POSSIBLE NEAR TERM USE IN U. S. FRA HAS ARRANGED ALL MEETINGS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS THROUGH RAILROADS AND MANUFACTURERS. THIS MESSAGE IS SOLELY TO INFORM EMBASSIES OF MISSION AND TO INVITE PARTICIPATION BY EMBOFFS IN MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. BACKGROUND TO MISSION. THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF ALL NEW OR PROTOTYPE FOREIGN PASSENGER TRAINS THAT ARE LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE RESULTS OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE AMTRAK, AND OTHER RAILROAD SYSTEMS IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF EXISTING TRAIN SYSTEMS, COMPONENTS, AND SUB-SYSTEMS THAT COULD BE USED IN THE U. S. IN NEAR FUTURE. THE EVALUATION WOULD ALSO INDICATE THE DEGREE OF MODIFICATION, IF ANY, REQUIRED FOR

EACH SYSTEM TO SATISFY U. S. REQUIREMENTS. AS NOW ENVISIONED, THE PROGRAM WILL COVER A PERIOD OF APPROXI-

MATELY TWO YEARS. DURING THE FIRST PART, ALL CANDIDATE TRAIN SYSTEMS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SCREENING PROCESS IN WHICH TEAM OF FRA AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WILL MAKE TECHNICAL STUDIES OF ALL SYSTEMS AND SELECT FROM THEM A SMALL NUMBER (I.E. AS MANY AS THREE) FOR SUBSEQUENT DETAILED EVALUATION IN THE UNITED STATES. DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM, FRA TEAM WILL MAKE VISITS TO EACH TRAIN SUPPLIER'S FACILITY FOR INSPECTION AND SOME LIMITED TESTING, BUT WOULD RELY PRIMARILY ON TECHNICAL DATA PROVIDED BY EACH TRAIN SUPPLIER. EVALUATION IN U. S. DURING SECOND PART OF PROGRAM WOULD INVOLVE MORE DETAILED TESTS, PROBABLY AT DOT'S TRANSPORTATION TEST CENTER IN PUEBLO, COLORADO.

3. ITINERARY AND CONTACT POINTS FOLLOW.

SEPTEMBER 10. ARRIVE LONDON, BOOKED LONDONER HOTEL NIGHTS 10, 11, 12. VISITS TO DERBY AND OTHER MEETINGS
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COORDINATED BY R. POWELL, BRITISH RAIL, LONDON (TEL.: 247-5444) AND JOHN THRING IN DERBY (TEL.: DERBY 49211).

SEPTEMBER 13, 14. PARIS. HOTEL LA PEROUSE.

SEPTEMBER 15. BORDEAUX. FRENCH PROGRAM ARRANGED BY SOCIETE MTE. CONTACTS ARE H. JULLIEN (TEL.: 776-4162) AND MR. GUILLON (TEL.: 776-4162).

SEPTEMBER 17. FRANKFURT. NAME OF HOTEL AND VISIT DETAILS
NOT YET AVAILABLE.
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20, 21. MUNICH. VISIT ARRANGED BY KNORR-

BREMSE GMBH. CONTACT JOACHIM SCHULTZ-NAUMANN OR PETER
PASCHEN (TEL.: 0811-35051).

SEPTEMBER 21-22. SWEDEN. PROGRAM ARRANGED BY ASEA; CONTACT
IS MR. FRANSEN. HOTEL GROS IN VASTERAS.

SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25. ZURICH, SCHAFFHAUSEN, NEUHAUSEN
RHINE FALLS. PROGRAM ARRANGED BY SWISS INDUSTRIAL CO.
(SIG). CONTACTS ARE JEAN-PAUL GEISER AND BERNARD HUBER
(TEL.: 053-8155).

SEPTEMBER 26, 27. TURIN. HOTEL PRINCIPI DI PIEMONTE.
PROGRAM ARRANGED BY FIAT. CONTACTS ARE MESSRS.
GIOVANELLI AND TOSA.

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 30, OCTOBER 1-4. BOLOGNA. GROUP WILL
ATTEND INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS CONGRESS.

OCTOBER 4-6. ROME. GROUP ARRIVES P.M. OCTOBER 4 AND
DEPARTS A.M. OCTOBER 6 FOR WASHINGTON. ROME HOTEL BEING
ARRANGED BY FIAT.

FRA REGRETS THAT IT NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE EMBASSIES
WITH MORE DETAIL ON MEETINGS SCHEDULED BUT HOPES THAT
ABOVE WILL SUFFICE TO ENABLE EMBASSIES ARRANGE ATTENDANCE
IF DESIRED.

4. GROUP COMPOSITION FOLLOWS: MYLES D. MITCHELL,
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PASSENGER SYSTEMS, OFFICE OF RESEARCH
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AND DEVELOPMENT, FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. CLIFFORD GANNETT, CHIEF,
PASSENGER SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT DIVISION, OFFICE OF PASSEN-
GER SYSTEMS, OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, FRA,
DOT; AND FRANK KING, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CORPORATE
OPERATIONS, AMTRAK (NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORA-
TION).

5. FOR ROME. MITCHELL IS PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE OF
AMBASSADOR VOLPE AND WISHES KNOW WHETHER HE MIGHT PAY
BRIEF CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5. ROBINSON

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